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reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) Poleconoff delivered reftel points on November 19 to Joao Neves da Costa, Portugal's MFA Director for Middle East and Maghreb Affairs, and again on November 24 to Paulo Santos, MFA Deputy Director for Middle East Peace Process. Santos said that EU members had agreed to vote as a block on all remaining resolutions relating to Israel, particularly since these resolutions are introduced each year and are well known to EU member states. "There is no division as there was for the Goldstone Report resolution; the EU will vote as a block," Santos assured.

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